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REQUEST FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicants request a two-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to respond to the outstanding Final Office Action dated May 21, 2002.

Enclosed is a check which covers the appropriate fee of \$400.00 based on large entity status. Please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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